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FIRE

Maple Lake home gutted by fire on Easter Sunday.
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IN BRIEF

Dawson's Dream Team is planning a day of fun, excitement and community spirit to raise funds for Dawson Hamilton. He battled leukemia for four years and while he's back at home in Minden, he is still coping with complications from treatment. The bowlathon and carnival is May 2. Contact Jenn Whiteway at 754-9265 to get involved.

IN QUOTES

"When the work commences [on the runway], all forms of protest will be in order."

Paul Irwin letter
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Matt James/TIMES

Something to cheer about

Archie Stouffer Elementary School students show their support for the Grade 8 hockey team during last week's fun but competitive match against the OPP. Details and more photos on page 15.

Improve safety near school: councillor

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A Minden Hills councillor is

hoping to ramp up safety measures at an intersection near Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Councillor Peter Oyler plans

to meet with representatives from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and Archie

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Two men go through the ice, are safe

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

Members of the Minden Hills fire department rescued two Waterloo men who fell through the thinning ice of Big East Lake west of Carnarvon in the early evening of April 10.

It is not known why Ryan Brooks and Jeremy Forget were on the ice at this time of the year. The police learned that the two young men, believed to be in their 20s, had fallen through the ice and managed to get to an island, where they were stranded.

Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Mark McMaster said a friend of the victims called 911.

Firefighters used a fire rescue boat to retrieve the two males who were subsequently taken to the Minden Hospital by ambulance where they were treated and released.

Police would like to remind people to use common sense regarding lakes this time of year.

"Ignorance can lead to tragedy," said McMaster.

No charges are being laid.

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Maple Lake home gutted by fire on Sunday

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The home of Audrey Fountain was destroyed Easter Sunday by a fire in the early morning hours.

Fountain and her daughter and son-in-law escaped the home, but despite firefighters' best efforts, the interior of the building was ruined.

Stanhope and Dysart firefighters fought the blaze for hours, using both tanker trucks to move water from the river at Airport Road to Fountain's house on Highway 118 at Maple Lake.

The cause of the fire is unknown at this time. Fountain is living with her son, John, for the time being.

Fountain used to own a consignment shop next door to her home in a historic schoolhouse. The fire did not harm that building.

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Stanhope Chief Keith Thomas oversees firefighters on the roof of Audrey Fountain's house.



Stanhope firefighter Tony Aymong changes an air bottle for a firefighter while another waits.

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Council submits expense reports for 2008

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors approved their remuneration for 2008 at a meeting last week.

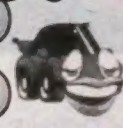
With salaries, travel expenses and conference and education expenses, the total was just more than \$126,430.

For his duties as reeve, Jim McMahon was paid \$21,850 last year, while Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch received \$17,475 for her work.

The other members of council - Rick Ratcliff, Peter Oyler, Barbara Reid, Lisa Schell and Bill Obee - were paid a salary of \$14,750 each.

McMahon's travel expenses totalled \$1,875; Murdoch's \$100; Ratcliff's nothing; Oyler's \$1,385; Reid's \$470; Schell's \$100 and Obee's \$960.

For conference and education expenses, McMahon was paid \$169; Murdoch \$17; Ratcliff \$1,026; Oyler \$2,560; Reid \$17; Schell \$1,966 and Obee \$2,613.



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Lesters are on track with snowmobiling and ATVing dynasty

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

Life often unfolds with events that are both painful and joyous and no one knows that better than brothers Mark and Kent Lester. They recently purchased SnowTrax and DirtTrax television following the death of fellow friend and businessman, John Massingberd.

Over the years the Lesters and Massingberd formed a great businesses relationship and friendship as enthusiasts of the snowmobile and ATV industry, one in magazines, the other in television.

But on December 1, 2008 Massingberd lost his battle against Lou Gehrig's disease and the shows were left to Massingberd's brother Paul, who while also a businessman, wasn't in the same field and didn't have the experience to run the shows.

"John was a great guy, a great friend of ours," says Mark. "And we had done a lot of co-operative work together. He was a really good business associate and we felt bad losing him, so when the opportunity presented itself to bring his businesses — that he had pioneered and started himself 15 years ago — it was a great fit for us to bring them under one roof."

The Lesters, who publish magazines on snowmobiling and ATVing, are no strangers to the television shows. Mark's son Luke has been co-hosting the two shows for the past two seasons. With the purchase Luke will continue hosting the two shows.

For years Massingberd and the Lesters continuously battled within the industry for separate identities as two unrelated businesses.

"We used to deny it together all the time," said Mark at the

Supertrax Media Inc. office in Minden on April 6. "A lot of people thought that [the two businesses] were connected because of the similar names."

In such tough economic times the purchase seems out of place but Mark points out there is never a good time to acquire a business and there is never a good time for death.

"The opportunity definitely wouldn't have presented itself if John hadn't passed away," he said. "We weren't oblivious to the reality that this would present itself, but we didn't want to be — in any way, shape or form — disrespectful because John was just too good of a friend."

"He was great to us and so John always had a special place for my brother and I. We've always respected the fact that we weren't going to interfere until the opportunity was presented to us."

Coincidentally, Paul made contact with the Lesters about selling the television shows at the February 11 John Massingberd Memorial ALS ride at Delta Pinestone Resort, a day that raised \$20,000 in John's name.

Mark says the transition has been fairly smooth because the customer base for both products is almost identical. Administration for such things as insurance and travel is not much different either because the two companies were always at the same events.

"There's a lot of synergies that reduce the cost, or spread the cost, that really make a lot of sense," he adds.

In an age when everyone wants more for less, Mark believes that he will be able to give his advertisers more, not necessarily for less, but "more" being the operative word.

"We can do more, and package, and put things together so it

Matt James/TIMES



South Lake's Luke, Mark, and AJ Lester of Supertrax Media Inc. recently purchased two television shows, SnowTrax and DirtTrax television. Luke will host the shows while AJ will be featured on a few technical segments.

makes more sense financially for advertisers to do even more business with us," he says.

A family business

The purchase of the television shows, as well as continuing to run the magazines, means a lot to the Lesters.

Mark and Kent started Supertrax International Magazine in 1989 and added all-terrain vehicles to the mix in 1999. Supertrax Media Inc. is a family business and will continue to be one. Mark is beginning the long process of selling his share of the business to Luke and AJ, and Kent is doing the same thing with his kids,

Mike and Matt.

"[The purchase] means a lot for me," says Luke. "I'd always wanted to work for my family again. Being able to work with the people that I live with, enjoy, and are my best friends, that was the biggest thing of all."

Luke, a national Sno-X champion and ATV enthusiast, knows his hosting duties means added responsibility but he also sees job security as well.

"For me it's just more responsibility, more work," says AJ, earning a laugh from his brother and father. "But that's okay. Overall we do a good job of writing about snowmobiles and ATVs but now

that we have another avenue to reach people, for our businesses as a whole, that's just a better working organization."

AJ currently edits both magazines and while he won't be considered a co-host, he will be doing some technical segments on the TV shows along with other duties required.

The new season of Dirt Trax starts in June on the Outdoor Life Network (OLN) and Wild TV. Snow Trax, on TSN, is likely to launch in December or January.

Visit the shows' websites www.snowtraxtv.com and www.dirttraxtv.com for updates.

Campbell's Flowers worried about new garden centre

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A Haliburton business that is relocating to Minden has sown seeds of apprehension with at least one member of Minden's business community.

Anne Neave, who owns and operates Campbell's Flower Gifts and Garden Centre, told Minden Hills councillors during a public hearing on April 9 that she is concerned that when Carey's Garden Centre relocates to Minden it will be damaging to businesses already located here.

"I'm concerned because of the economy itself," Neave told councillors, referring to the current recession.

Carey's will be setting up shop at the Limberlost building off Hwy. 35, adjacent to Neave's business on Booth Crescent. The land used to be zoned commercial but an oversight during the amalgamation process meant that not all the land is currently zoned commercial. As a result, owner Paul Carey had to apply for a temporary use bylaw that would allow his garden centre on the property for at least the next three years.

Under the bylaw process, a public meeting was held during Thursday's council meeting to hear objections to or support for Carey's application.

Neave said there are already five area businesses that focus on flowers and landscaping and noted that Canadian Tire is still scheduled to move into the community later this year. "And that's going to be another competitor," she said.

In an interview after the meeting, Carey said that while there are similarities between the two businesses, there are also

differences. He's going to concentrate solely on outdoor plants and landscaping. He will not have a floral business, like Campbell's, that caters to weddings, funerals and special arrangements. "She's got that market completely," he said of the floral arrangements. "I don't consider us the same type of business."

He will also be open seasonally.

Neave's other grievance had to do with zoning. Before she moved her business into its current location in 2003, Neave said she had to pay more than \$1,000 to have the property rezoned from residential to commercial use.

"When I started up business it was very difficult to get started," Neave said, adding that the process had been a complicated and expensive one.

Carey will not be paying rezoning fees.

"I'm really frustrated right now," Neave said. "I've been here for a long time and I do a lot for the community."

Neave's family has operated Campbell's for 45 years and her mother Pat Campbell also made an appeal to councillors during last week's public meeting.

While some councillors told Neave they understood where she was coming from, they reinforced the notion that it is not the duty of a municipal council to interfere with the workings of free enterprise.

Before Carey's is issued a Minden business licence, its owner will have to sign a site plan agreement, specifying what can and cannot be done on the property.

Councillor Peter Oyler wanted to know what would happen if the property owner violated the terms of this agreement.

Oyler was told by staff that in that case, council would have the power to termi-



Anne Neave of Campbell's Flowers may file an objection to Carey's Garden Centre opening next door.

nate the business licence.

There was also concern that the proprietor had already begun work on the property.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said if this was the case, it was unacceptable and that any work should stop until after the site plan agreement is signed and licence obtained.

Carey says he's been working with the planning department. "We're complying with everything they've asked me to do," he says. Everything was in place for the site plan agreement pending the outcome of Thursday's meeting. "They told me that if there were no objections we could go ahead. We had to go through this meeting first."

Neave has until May 6 to appeal the application to the Ontario Municipal Board. Carey says that given that the season has started, he'd like to know as soon as possible whether there will be an appeal. "We're on hold until May 6," he said.

Water tower planning moves ahead

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills continues to move ahead with its water tower project.

Councillors agreed at their meeting on April 15 to award the engineering contract for the project to Peterborough-based engineering firm D.M. Wills Associates.

The firm did preliminary work on the project including an environmental assessment and staff suggested that putting the project out to tender and waiting for results could delay the process by as much as two or three months.

Councillor Bill Obee wanted to know what amount exactly the firm would be receiving for its services.

"I can't sit here and say 'yes' without knowing what the number is," Obee said.

Peter Oyler, whose portfolio includes finance, told Obee that the figure would be 10 to 15 per cent of the total project cost, which is an acceptable standard within the province.

The project's estimated cost is \$2.4 million. One third of that will fall to the township while the other two-thirds will be paid for by the provincial and federal governments.

The tower, which is to stand more than 22 metres in height and bear a capacity of 1,500 cubic metres, will be constructed on Mount Minden.

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Economic development plan still on hold

Minden Hills looks into benefits of taking part in Main Street Ontario program

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Whether or not Minden Hills proceeds with its economic development plan remains up in the air after councillors heard a presentation from a representative of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs at their meeting on April 9.

Judy Coward told councillors that Minden would be make a perfect candidate for the ministry's Main Street Ontario program and councillors have referred the matter to municipal staff for further investigation.

Towns with populations of less than 100,000 people are eligible for the program, which focuses on the revitalization of communities' downtown cores through economic development, organizational development, marketing and promotion and physical improvements such as the reconstruction of facades and addition of planters, benches and other amenities.

Coward told councillors that pilot projects the ministry started in the communities of Havelock, Omeme and Peterborough

a few years ago have proven successful.

"The ministry is very happy with what came out of that work," she said, adding that those communities have experienced growth in their downtown economies as a result.

Ten communities in the province are accepted for the program each year, Coward said, with the province providing 50 per cent funding up to a maximum of \$50,000 a year for three years.

Coward said the pilot projects have shown slow economic growth during the first three years of the project and then increased growth during years four through six.

It was clear that Coward's presentation sparked the interest of some councillors.

"Why should we buy this approach versus the private-sector approach?" Councillor Peter Oyler asked, referencing Minden Hills's proposed economic development plan, for whose creation \$100,000 has been allocated in the township's 2009 budget.

The Main Street Ontario program has a narrower scope than an overall economic

development plan, Coward said, explaining the program does not deal with changes to traffic infrastructure the way an economic development plan might.

Better navigability in Minden has been identified as one of the purposes an economic development plan would serve.

However, participating in the program means communities have to hire a full-time co-ordinator to act as a liaison between the community and the province, write grant applications, seek out private partners to help in funding the project and generally oversee the whole process.

When asked by Minden Hills's chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison how much these individuals are normally paid, Coward said usually somewhere between \$40,000 and \$45,000.

Morrison, who noted this would almost account for all of the funding the township would be receiving from the province, seemed skeptical about the project but will be meeting with Coward during a municipal staff heads meeting this week.

If Minden Hills decides to apply and is accepted to the program, councillors

agreed that an overall economic development plan would no longer be required and that additional concerns, such as traffic navigability, could be dealt with through smaller plans.

Both Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillor Lisa Schell have said they would not support moving forward with an economic development plan this year due to the recession and the fact the township is running a deficit budget in 2009.

At a council meeting last month, councillors agreed to dip into the economic development fund, if necessary, to complete the Riverwalk project.

A footbridge spanning the Gull River, the gem of the \$250,000 project, is to be installed in May. As much as \$24,000, and possibly more, may have to be drawn from the \$100,000 economic development fund.

Council will consider applying for the Main Street Ontario project after receiving a report from staff.

The deadline for expressions of interest in May 5 and full applications must be completed by June 23.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Oh! Canada!

IN RECENT YEARS, many public schools in the area have abandoned the traditional science fair in favour of historical fairs.

The concept is essentially the same: students pick a subject to study, create a display full of pictures and information and prepare an oral presentation to recite to judges when that nerve-wracking moment comes.

And while there is nothing wrong with the traditional science fair (after all, who doesn't want to know what the effects of classical musical are on bean plants, or see what happens when you combine Mentos and Diet Coke?), the historical fair concept seems more beneficial to students because it focuses on Canadian history.

While the guidelines for projects are wide open, the person, place or thing the student is studying must have its origins in the Great White North.

At Archie Stouffer Elementary School's historical fair last week, there were projects on everything from the Halifax explosion to maple syrup, from the CN Tower to the locally located Bethel Church and from the Icelanders who settled near Kinmount to Canuck comedian Michael Myers.

By focusing on Canadian history, the event gives students the chance to learn more about their communities, their country and, in essence, themselves.

Canada has a popular and unfair reputation as a boring country.

While it's true this country was not born out of a bloody war like our loud, flag-waving neighbour to the south, it has still has plenty of interesting and even scandalous stories to tell.

The Red River Rebellion, the Avro Arrow, the FLQ crisis – all riveting stuff that happened above the 49th parallel.

Historical fairs are also important because they expose students to the study of history itself, a subject which many students seem to perceive as boring, stuffy and outdated.

Why, after all, should they care about events that took place and people that existed so long ago?

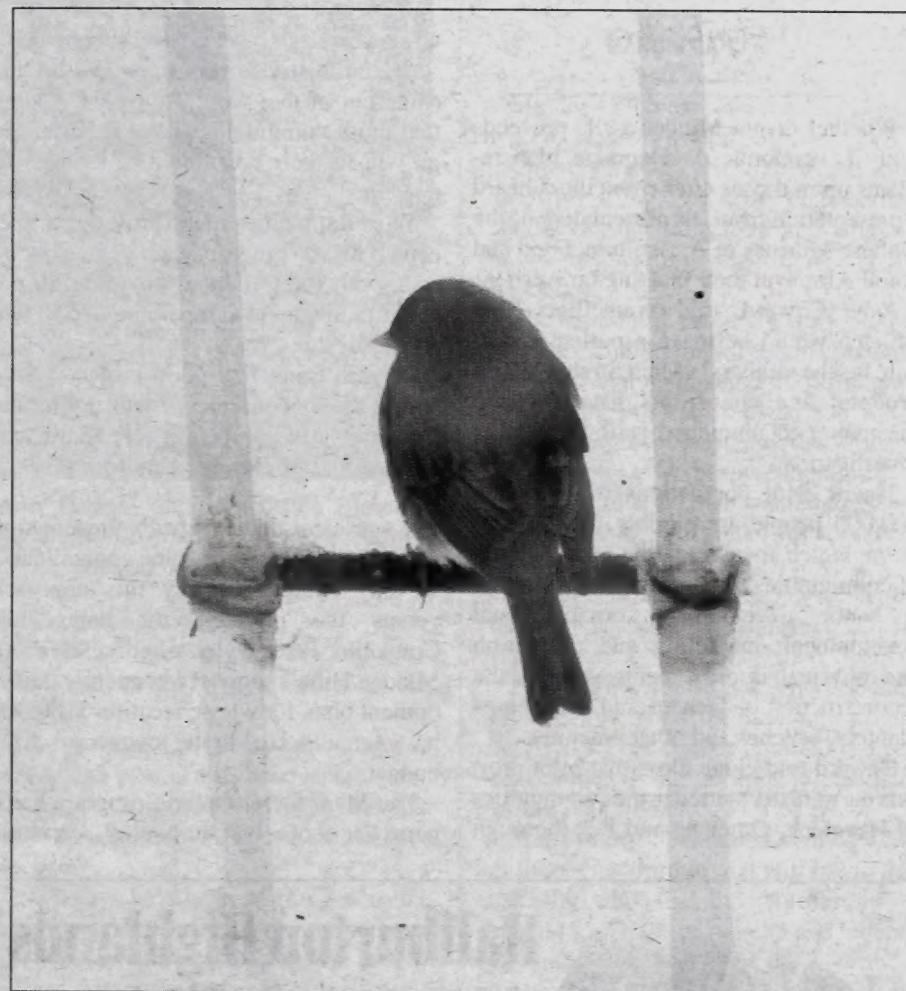
The event lets students explore whatever aspect of Canadian history they want, which, presumably, allows them to enjoy the experience.

Last week several students were practically falling over their words they seemed so excited to be explaining their projects.

Historical fairs allow students to realize that they only way to truly understand the present is to understand the past; that history itself is sort of like a jigsaw puzzle that, when put together, allows us to create a picture of contemporary society.

Good luck to all those Stouffer students who will be competing at the district historical fair in Lindsay in May.

Chad Ingram



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

A dark-eyed junco rests from searching for food on a snowy day. Jack Bush

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Runway an unimaginable folly

To the Editor:

An unimaginable folly is being perpetrated against the soil, the environment, and the people of Haliburton Highlands. It masquerades as a progressive move that will bring industry, needed jobs and greater wealth to this beautiful green corner of the world that so many of us love for its natural beauty and the warm artistic and recreational environment it offers.

There are appropriate and progressive investments that would strengthen our economy and enhance the environment. We heard about several of these developments that are appropriate to our regional geography at the Greening of Haliburton Conference sponsored by the Highlands Development Corporation in March. The folly we're investing in instead is a 1,220 metre crosswind runway for Algonquin Highlands's Stanhope

Airport.

Council members of the other three municipalities and the county have expressed opposition to it as this runway project. It is an inappropriate, regressive and deeply-flawed idea.

The foolishness of building a new and crosswind runway, much longer than the east-west existing runway when only four per cent of the flights coming into Stanhope Airport would benefit from a non-prevailing-wind runway, has never been addressed to the satisfaction of those opposed. This idea is driven by the yesteryear dreams of only three or four politicians who have systematically flouted the express wishes of a majority of their ratepayers and the other municipalities in the county. At a relatively recent Algonquin Highlands meeting a single vote, that of our reeve, was need-

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Airport folly

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needed to proceed. We were one vote from allowing the idea to be put out of its misery and the project halted.

Now, tenders are out for a huge clear-cutting, earth-moving, asphalt-laying project.

Thoughtful people are appalled that such a project is going forward in a county that doesn't want it, at a time of increasing poverty when our federal, provincial, and municipal tax dollars should have been spent humanely and sensibly, not on a dream for the recreational use of a wealthy elite. (Our consultants have told us that this new runway will never be licensed for commercial use.)

The economic burden being laid on the 2,000 residents of Algonquin Highlands is staggering. This municipality will be paying \$1.3 million, before overruns that, on an estimated \$4-million project, may be horrendous. On the 30-year payback of the loan we calculate that we will be paying an additional \$1.3 million interest, without overruns.

Many of us have spent hundreds of hours and many thousands of dollars trying to help two or three of our councillors clear their eyes and abandon their folly. Now as they prepare to bring in the big machinery and begin to clear-cut and bulldoze – they hope to have the paving complete by October – we need a broader base of help. The democratic rights of the people have been ignored thus far and this folly must be stopped. When the work commences, all forms of protest will be in order.

Paul Irwin (Reverend)
Algonquin Highlands

Kudos to Today

To the Editor:

Please accept my kudos and high compliments on the first issue of Haliburton Highlands *Today*. I have already read it cover to cover and I am most impressed by the amount of work that was put into it: huge! I'm also impressed by the insight, the history and the warmth of the stories. With people like you and Shawn Chamberlin of the Dominion Hotel, it seems to me that Haliburton is destined to be a happening place!

Glen Bonham
Minden Hills

Brave new world

I'M NOT EASILY offended. But the other day I came across a term that left me shaking my head and wondering where this world is headed.

The latest buzzword, moobs, is apparently a new way to describe man breasts.

I don't know about you but I find this disturbing on a number of levels.

First off, I'd strongly suggest that the world would be a much better place if we did not acknowledge that man breasts even exist. Oh, I'm not blind; I know that they are out there. I have been in locker rooms, Sumo wrestling matches, and on the beach. I have seen statues of Buddha.

Even so, when confronted by them, I avert my eyes, which I would argue is the proper thing to do.

Having said that, I also understand that right now there are probably more than a few women who are thinking that it's about time men felt the

awkwardness of having body parts objectified. Well, let me just point out that moobs is the counterpart to boobs, a word that shouldn't be used in polite company, let alone while describing the highlights of a female tennis tournament – I know that now.

In fact, the word boobs shows a childish, immature attitude towards female anatomy and shouldn't even be used in a newspaper column such as

this, no matter how much it makes you giggle. So, if the term boobs is inappropriate for women, why then is moobs any different for men?

That's why I'd prefer if, from now on, we referred to them as mreasts. Why not?

Man boobs are here to stay.

So we need a respectful word for them. With women it is breasts; with men it can be mreasts.

There, I bet you feel better about this already huh?

Now that the word is out there, it's got me thinking about my own body image. Essentially, I'm flat chested – no more than a perky b-cup, I'd say. Sadly, some women just can't

see past that.

For instance, I was

waiting at a counter the other day for service when the female customer rep walked right past me to speak with the man beside me. You guessed it; he had large, fully developed mreasts and was also showing a bit of mleavage. Between you and me, I doubt they were even real.

If this keeps up, I'm considering augmentation – even if it's just augmenting my shirt pockets with tennis balls. Of course, I'll have to figure out something different for when those strapless shirts, which are sure to be part of next spring's fashion line up, show up in the stores.

Yes, we live in a changing world – and not necessarily for the better either. Now, I feel self-conscious whenever I wear a wet tee shirt or jog on the spot. Don't even get me started about those female construction workers and their catcalls. How many times can a man hear, "You're in the way sweet cheeks" before he feels totally degraded? It doesn't matter that the answer is seven; we need to do something about this.

Allow more women into the construction industry for a start....

*I can be reached at
TheOutdoorLife@aol.com*



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

The last gathering

THIS IS THE END of things, I think, on this final sap-gathering day of the 2009 maple syrup season, watching the odometer of my life roll over to another year.

There is something powerfully moving about the end of a harvest season of any kind. There is something surreal about this last day of gathering, just as there must have been for my farmer uncles at the end of the threshing seasons of my boyhood.

I remember that they somehow seemed both giddy and melancholy. In these final harvest hours, they seemed almost detached from their work, suddenly aware of routines they had been carrying out unthinkingly as they brought in the last of the sheaves.

Whatever it is they felt, I felt too on Saturday afternoon as I gathered the last of my sap, though I could no more understand or explain my feelings than could my uncles so many years ago.

Now, commercial producers who read this will wonder why I stopped so early when surely there would be more big sap runs to come, as

it turned out there was on Monday and probably will be again today.

But, weary from a season that turned into an endurance race against sugar sand, with more syrup from my 185 taps than I had containers for or than I could reasonably expect to sell without more effort than I care to expend, Saturday seemed like a good day to stop.

Sugar sand, if you don't know it, is the devil's seed. Call it nitre, if you will, or by its proper name, malate of lime. It

precipitates out of sap as it boils into syrup.

Nitre is a powerful laxative that must be filtered out of finished syrup unless, like some oldtimers, you want to set aside a cup of the unfiltered stuff and take it as a powerful spring tonic.

Some years there isn't much of it and some years, like this one, it

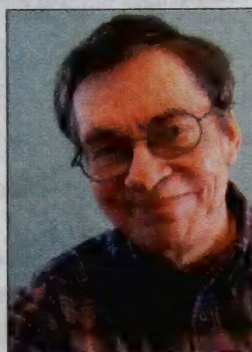
is enough to drive you to despair as it coats the syrup pan and insulates the liquid from the blazing fire that is supposed to transform it.

Enough of it, and you have no choice but to let your fire go out, clean out your pan and start again. If you heat with wood, you can imagine how much time that takes. It is the worst year for it anybody can remember.

There were days my friend Randy began with a cleanup of last night's nitre and

then shut down twice more before the day was done. One Wilberforce man I know of could get no more than an hour of hard boiling between shutdowns.

All those shutdowns and startups extend sap's time over heat and too much time over heat darkens syrup, which is another reason for quitting before the season is over.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

The last gathering day is a pretty arbitrary marker for the end of a season, since your work is barely half done. There is bottling and delivery and cleanup still to come, and firewood to be harvested.

But it is this last gather that fills me with emotion, the last day, the last load, the last bucket and you keep pausing to look around. It is a day for savouring the beauty of the work you have been doing and the place where you live.

It is a day for feeling sorry for ordinary folks who aren't in the woods to watch spring crawl out from under its blanket of snow, to see the promise of the year ahead laid bare, who let the seasons change while they aren't looking.

On this last day, a pail in each hand, I stand on the brow of a valley that skirts my little sugar bush, drink in a muted panorama of browns and blacks spread out before me. Ducks quack, partridges drum and The Brown Dog Jiggs sleeps in the sun.

The last gather, I think. Another year older. Time flies.

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Interesting buildings open their doors on June 20

Minden is opening its doors to the curious.

The village is one of six new participants in the annual Doors Open event. This year, visitors will have the chance to explore heritage buildings, architectural showpieces and community landmarks at 48 events across the province.

Minden will host its event on June 20.

People will be able to tour the following buildings for free and learn about their history and interesting features:

- Beaver Theatre
- Bunker's Hill
- Campbell's Flowers
- Clergy House
- Dominion Hotel
- Irvine Double Domes

- Minden Hills Cultural Centre
- Minden House Bed and Breakfast
- Red Rock Circle
- St. Paul's Anglican Church
- Stefanich home
- Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast
- Twelve Mile Lake Church
- Wild Orchid Thai Bistron/Gambell's Antiques

- Wild Swan Bed and Breakfast Inn
- Each year, hundreds of historic build-

ings, natural spaces and heritage gardens, some of which are rarely accessible to the public - open free of charge as part of Doors Open Ontario. Many of the participating sites offer special activities, such as tours, exhibitions and demonstrations. To find out more, pick up a free Doors Open Ontario 2009 Guide at the Highway 25 information centre or the Minden Hills Cultural Centre or call 1-800-ONTARIO (668-2746).

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Gift Certificates Available



Everyone will have a chance to tour Minden's historic Clergy House on June 20 as part of the free Doors Open event.

Music Festival

Come Share The Joy of Musical Performance
at the
**13th Annual Haliburton Highlands
Music Festival**

Wednesday, April 15 through Saturday, April 18
at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton

You are welcome to sit in on any of the adjudicated performances
throughout the festival. Admission is free (donations welcome)

WEDNESDAY

Morning, Afternoon & Evening
Vocal Music

THURSDAY

Morning & Afternoon - Instrumental Music
Evening - Senior and Adult Piano

FRIDAY

Morning & Afternoon - Junior & Intermediate Piano
Evening - Senior Piano

SATURDAY

Beginner Piano

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A05/2009, Part Lot 14, Concession 10,
Township of Snowdon, Sawdust Road,
Applicant: Helen HARTWICK

Purpose: To request relief from Section 5.2, Table 2 to permit a lot in a Rural Residential (RR) zone with less than 60 metres frontage. The current frontage is 59.7 metres therefore a variance of .24 metres is required. This application is a condition of a severance.

File No. MV A06/2009, Part Lot 24, Concession 5,
Township of Lutterworth, East Moore Lake,
Applicant: Kenneth and Deborah COMER

Purpose: Proposing to construct two separate additions to an existing legal non-conforming dwelling unit in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone that is 835 sq. ft. and is located 17' from the front lot line, which is closer than permitted. Addition No. 1 will increase the bathroom area by 56 sq ft in size and will be closer to the south side yard than allowed as well as 37' from the front lot line. Addition No. 2 will increase the kitchen by 344 sq. ft in size and will be 46' from the front lot line. Variances are required as follows:

From Section 4.7.4 ii) to allow Addition No. 1 to be constructed 12.215' closer to the front lot line than permitted; and
From Section 4.7.4 ii) to allow Addition No. 2 to be constructed 3.215' closer to the front lot line than permitted; and
From Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of the legally non-complying building or structure by 22%; and
From Section 5.2, Table 2 to allow Addition No. 1 to be constructed 4.7' closer to the interior side yard than permitted.

File No. MV A07/2009, Part Lot 15, Concession 12,
Township of Minden, Highway No. 35,
Applicant: Greg and Lisa TURNER

Purpose: Proposing to demolish an existing legal non-complying dwelling unit in the Highway Commercial (C1) zone that is closer to the north side yard than permitted and replace it with a larger dwelling unit. The new dwelling unit will also be higher than permitted. The following variances are required:

1. 59 feet From Section 5.2, Table 4 to permit the accessory dwelling unit to be constructed closer to the north side yard than permitted.
2. 2 feet from Section 4.7.4 iii) to increase the accessory dwelling unit to be higher than permitted
3. 56% from Section 4.7.4 v) to permit the accessory dwelling unit to be larger than permitted.

File No. MV A08/2009, Part of Lot 5, Concession A,
Township of Snowdon, Howland Junction Road
Applicant: Edward JEWELL

Purpose: To request relief from Section 5.2, Table 2 to permit a lot in a Hamlet Residential (HR) zone with less area than 4,000 sq. m. This lot has 2,390 sq. m. therefore a variance of 1,610 sq. m. is required. This application is a condition of a severance.

File No. MV A09/2009, Part of Lot 15, Concession 8,
Township of Minden, Horseshoe Lake
Applicant: Chris and Ruth GOLDING

Purpose: Proposing to demolish an existing legal non-complying dwelling unit in the Shoreline Residential (SR) zone and build a replacement one that will be larger and higher than permitted. It will be repositioned on the lot, and the following variances are required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 ii) to reduce the setback from the high water mark to 31.66 feet.
2. From Section 4.7.4 iii) to increase the height by approximately 4 feet more than permitted.
3. From Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage by 7% more than permitted.

HEARING DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, during normal office hours.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2009
(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 22 Earth Day Celebration at RDLP-Noon - 5 pm
April 30 Council, Council Chambers 9AM
May 14 COTW, Council Chambers 9 AM
July 10-12 Haliburton County Sportmen's Show

NOTICE

Council recently approved an amended Dog Control By-law. Please see the Municipal Website www.mindenhills.ca for additional information.



There's always something going on at the Cultural Centre!

Until April 28 - Agnes Jamieson Gallery presents...
Haliburton Landscape Influence

April 21, 2 - 4 pm

- Historical Reflections Series - History of Postal Codes,

April 22 Earth Day- noon - 5pm Celebrations at RDLP

noon: 20 min Minden Makeover

1pm: RDLP tour

2pm: Poison Makers by RD Lawrence reading followed by a presentation from the World Wildlife Federation about The Good Life and a discussion about current environmental issues. Admission \$5
4pm: 150 Acts of Green launch at the Cultural Centre
Out LoudWomyn's Choir will sing pieces from the Earth Charter. Admission free.

April 25 9am to 2pm- \$20 members \$25 non-members
Adult Workshop with Darby Bayly Block printmaking stamps & funky cards

May 7 and 14 at 2pm - Art Today & Beyond 2 Part Series Lecture
\$15 members \$20 non-members

May 24 Bus Trip to newly renovated Art Gallery of Ontario includes transportation and guided tour of gallery \$55 per person. Dinner at the KEG is additional. Bus departs township parking lot at 8am. Call 286-3763 to reserve

Sept 19 A JAZZ'n evening concert

featuring Jake Wilkinson.

Wine reception 6:30pm concert 8pm \$30 pp

For more information on any of these events go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. 09-41 FOR A TEMPORARY USE APPLICANT - P. Carey, Agent for M. Johnson TU-09-01

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 09-41 on the 9th day of April, 2009 pursuant to Section 34 and 39 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills, not later than the 6th day of May, 2009, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied with the fee prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act. An unincorporated association or group may not file a Notice of Appeal. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

Note: if the last day of appeal falls on a holiday, appeals may be filed on the day following that is not a holiday.

THE PURPOSE of the temporary use by-law is to amend the zoning category on land, located in the geographic Township of Minden at #6 Booth Street, Part of Lot 3, Concession A, from Residential Type One (R1) Zone to Temporary Highway Commercial (T-C1) Zone.

THE EFFECT of the temporary zoning amendment is to permit a garden centre and nursery.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for review at the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, during regular office hours.

Ms. Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator

FIT KIDS! Ages 2-6

FRIDAYS - 10:30-11:30

Note: No Fit Kids on Apr. 10 & 24, May 22 or June 5

Minden Hills Community Centre

Call for sign up & registration: Brenda Duncan at 286-4625

PUBLIC NOTICE

With the heavy rains and snow during this past week, it is possible that there will be more flooding along the Burnt River and Gull River watersheds as the TSW draw water from the reservoir lakes down through the Trent Severn system. Residents are advised to take necessary precautions to protect their property as the water levels rise. Stay away from all rivers and streams as they are dangerous this time of the year. The flooding situation is being monitored closely

IN THE EVENT OF A TOWNSHIP RELATED EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS,
PLEASE CALL: 1-866-856-3247.
FOR ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

A MUST TO HAVE!

The Minden Hills Museum Sesquicentennial Stamp and Coin
Don't forget to support your Minden Fire Department
Calendars still available...you could be the next winner
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 06-19

Applicant - Roger B. CHARLESWORTH

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 26, Concession 9, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8924, registered March 19, 2009.

2. File No. 06-20

Applicant - Roger B. CHARLESWORTH

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 26, Concession 9, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8924, registered March 19, 2009.

3. File No. 08-09

Applicant - Robert and Shirley ELMS

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of East Moore Lake, lying in front of Lot 22, Concession 5, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8918, registered March 11, 2009.

4. File No. 08-10

Applicant - Doug RIDDELL

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8916, registered March 10, 2009.

5. File No. 08-12

Applicant - Erwin SPECKERT

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8923, registered March 18, 2009.

6. File No. 08-14

Applicant - Nicholas D. and Kristina L. F. WADDELL

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 4 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8920, registered March 17, 2009.

7. File No. 08-15

Applicant - Stephanie HAYES

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 5, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8917, registered March 10, 2009.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 15th day of April, 2009.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator

FACT OF INTEREST

The Clergyman of the community was heavily involved in the Library over the years. The salaries started at \$1.00 per month and a raise was provided in 1915, allowing an individual to earn \$16.00 a year. The Library was subsequently moved to a building provided by S.W. Welch and was moved to a lot on Peck Street, donated by Mrs. Annie Cox. The building was then given to the Boy Scouts after the Library Board purchased the old Bank Building with donations from individuals and service clubs within Minden.

PARKS & RECREATION

3 on 3 Ball Hockey League - Thursday nights - ASES

T-Ball/Baseball League - Minden Community Centre

Summer Sports Camps - Minden Community Centre Room#1

Registration at the Minden Community Centre Sunday,

April 19, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or Thursday, April 23, 2009

From 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (fees and restrictions - please visit

www.mindenhills.ca/events for more information)

Celebrate Earth Day at R.D. Lawrence Place

Earth Day holds a special significance for R.D. Lawrence Place – not just because it's a day to honour and celebrate the Earth, but because it's the first anni-

versary of RDL Place opening.

To celebrate this special day, RDL Place has planned a packed day of song, reading and conservation for the community.

From 1 to 4 p.m., on Earth Day April 22, Sharon Lawrence will conduct a tour and talk package for \$5. This includes local authors and a representative from the World Wildlife Federation's The Good Life program.

There will be a free earth charter concert by the Outloud Womyn's Voices after a ceremonial planting that will launch a new challenge: 150 Acts of Green.

Come join the fun and own a piece of history when you buy the new R.D. Lawrence Place commemorative stamp, first anniversary edition.

If you wish to attend the talk and tour with Sharon Lawrence, please call 286-2298 or email rdlawrenceplace@minden-hills.ca.

Can't make it this Earth Day? You can still help us meet our mandate of fostering a love of reading, promoting the art of writing and deepening respect for our natural environment.

Giving to R.D. Lawrence Place is an investment that will preserve a fascinating slice of Canadian history as lived and written about by award-winning author R.D. Lawrence, create a showcase of green sustainable building and support programming that fosters reading and promotes local writers.

Fundraising efforts also include the fos-

ter a bookworm program, sponsoring a letter of the first official R.D. Lawrence Place sign and the green garage sale this fall.

Other events at RDL Place:

Poet Trees: April is poetry month, marvel at the images our local poets weave together with words they crafted HHWEN poetry contest.

The Green Legacy: April 22 to May 30. Be inspired by new exhibits and a documentary featuring R.D. Lawrence's efforts to rehabilitate injured wildlife and return them to the wild, as well as his environmental crusade for the conservation and protection of their habitat. A multimedia presentation about sustainable straw-bale building will be available to view.

Crisis to Innovation Workshop by Jennifer Morgan: April 24, 9 a.m. to noon. Discover how the "creative economy" can work for you. This workshop presented by Morgan, an internationally recognized speaker, is perfect for individuals, artists, and small business operators struggling with the current economy and looking for answers.

This workshop is presented in partnership with the Gaia Centre.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

is April 19th - April 25th

in honor of this very special week all of the staff, residents and family members of Hyland Crest would like to give a big heartfelt

Thank You *to all of our phenomenal volunteers.*

We appreciate and respect all of the extra help and support you provide throughout the home. We just wouldn't know what to do without you. All of your extra time, kind words, support and generosity will always be a reminder to each of us how truly blessed we are to have you.

To our residents you are the extra hands that give them joy and help them throughout their day. We hope each one of you will have a fulfilling year ahead with us as we continue to enhance the lives of our dear residents.

Please allow us to show you how truly grateful we are to have you by joining us on

**Friday, April 24th at 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Hyland Crest
in the Fireplace Room for tea, coffee & treats**

Volunteers- The Heart of Our Home

All of these businesses have Birthday Candles!

Find 150 and Win!

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| 1. McMAHON'S FEEDS 'N NEEDS
131 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 2. SEARS
146 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 3. CROWNE GALLERY
115 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 4. DOMINION HOTEL PUB
113 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 5. GOOFY MOOSE
107 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 6. VILLAGE CHALET
105 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 7. STEDMANS
103 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 8. COUNTRY MAGIC
122 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 9. MY SIZE CLOTHING
112 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 10. MINDEN DRUG STORE
110 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 11. HIGHLAND COPY CENTRE
108 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 12. JEWELS
104 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 13. CONEYBEARE'S
10 Milne St. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 14. ROCKCLIFFE TAVERN
90 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 15. WINE STORE
87 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 16. AXIS PHARMACY
33 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 17. MINDEN HOME HARDWARE
Hwy 35 & Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 18. MINDEN TIMES
2 IGA Rd. & Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 19. DOLLO'S IGA
Hwy 35 & Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 20. COX'S APPAREL
Heritage Plaza Hwy 35 & Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |

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| 21. GODFATHER'S PIZZA
Heritage Plaza Hwy 35 & Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 22. Haliburton Highlands Chamber Of Commerce
5 Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 23. WATER DEPOT
12281 Hwy 35 & Bobcaygeon Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 24. CAMPBELLS FLOWER & GARDEN CENTRE
3 Booth Cres. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 25. LEA'S LAWN & RECREATION
Hwy 35 & Water St. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 26. MINDEN VALUMART
Hwy 35 & Water St. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 27. MINDEN LIVE BAIT
Hwy 35 & Water St. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 28. WINTERGREEN MAPLE STRUP & PANCAKE BARN
County Rd 1 S of South Lake Rd. | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 29. PRENTICE POWER SPORTS
11588 Hwy 35 | has _____ candles on their poster. |
| 30. RUSTY'S AUTO SERVICE
11429 Hwy 35 | has _____ candles on their poster. |

How to Play:

1. Find the Posters
2. Fill in the number of candles you found in each business.
3. Once you have found 150 CANDLES, drop your completed ballot in a ballot box.
4. Draw to take place NOON April 20th at the Minden Times, 2 IGA Rd.
5. First correct ballot drawn wins it all!
6. Winner announced in April 22nd issue of the Minden Times.

BALLOT BOXES ARE AT THESE STORES: Minden Pharmasave, Stedmans, Dollo's IGA, Minden Times, Minden Home Hardware, Highland Axis Pharmacy, Minden Valumart



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150
1880-2009**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

IT'S MINDEN'S 150TH BIRTHDAY!

Only a few days left!

Let's Celebrate!



Visit these great Minden Businesses and find posters similar to this one.

Complete the ballot by finding 150 Candles. Extra Ballots are in Participating Businesses.
Place your completed ballot any of the ballot boxes at these stores: Minden Pharmasave, Stedmans, Dollo's IGA, Minden Times, Minden Home Hardware, Highland Axis Pharmacy, Minden Valumart

DRAW is April 20th-Noon at the MINDEN TIMES OFFICE, 2 IGA Rd. The first correct ballot will win everything!

Prize Package is Worth Over \$450.00!

- 1 Ticket for Minden's "Spoil ME" Lottery
- 2 Season Tickets to "Those Other Movies"
- 2 Tickets to "Buck's Tavern" Play
- Ice or Baseball Diamond Time

- 2 Tickets to the 2009 New Year's Eve Bash
- Gift Basket from Wintergreen
- Subscription to the Minden Times

IT'S MINDEN'S 150TH BIRTHDAY! LET'S CELEBRATE!

Collect 150 Candles From Minden Businesses

Find 150 Candles! Fill Out Your Ballot! Win A Birthday Prize Package Worth Over \$450.00!

Ballots are in Participating Stores & in the Minden Times. See The Minden Times For the List of Participating Businesses & Contest Details.

Ballot Boxes are at: Minden Pharmasave, Stedmans, Dollo's IGA, Minden Times, Minden Home Hardware, Highland Axis Pharmacy, Minden Valumart

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School board should be part of solution: reeve

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Stouffer's parent-teacher advisory committee to discuss the safety of the intersection at Bobcaygeon Road and Parkside Street.

Oyler is recommending that a school safety zone be designated by proper signage in the area and that an automated flashing light system be installed. It would operate before and after school hours, as well as from noon to 1 p.m.

The intersection, located near the Minden Cultural Centre, is often travelled by students at the beginning and end of the

school day and while it has already been designated as a community safety zone with a speed limit of 40 km/h, members of the school council are concerned those measures are not enough.

In a recent story in the *Times*, parents' council member Riscylla Shaw said she would like to see a three-way stop erected at the intersection.

Shaw wrote Minden Hills councillors a letter in February making this request and has a petition circulating in the community calling for increased safety precautions at the intersection.

However, Oyler, who made a number of

observations at the intersection earlier this month recording traffic flow, pedestrian traffic and driving habits, told council at a meeting April 9 that a three-way stop would be insufficient.

"The reason for that is rolling stops," Oyler said.

In a report he submitted to council last week, Oyler wrote that "better than 77 per cent of motorists at this corner failed to come to complete stop."

While his report indicated that traffic levels in the area are down since a traffic study the township had completed in 2006, Oyler said the number of vehicles turning at the intersection has increased.

Councillor Bill Obee said he would not be supporting any new infrastructure at the intersection since the township has already followed the recommendations of the consultants who conducted the 2006 study by designating the area as a community safety zone.

"I feel like we've done what we should be doing at this time," Obee said.

Reeve Jim McMahon said he'd recently been visited by the parent of a child who

was struck by a vehicle at the intersection a few years ago.

The child was not seriously injured, but the incident sparked fear of more serious collisions in the area.

"He said a crosswalk or three-way stop is not the answer," McMahon said, explaining that instead the father of the child thought the school board should be building a fence along the property line where the Archie Stouffer property abuts Bobcaygeon Road.

McMahon said he agreed the school board needs to be working to solve the issue as well.

"The school board's got to take some responsibility here," he said. "We can't be everything to everybody."

While Oyler's recommendations also called for the speed limit in the area to be reduced to 20 km/h, Councillor Rick Ratcliff said he was sure the municipality did not have the authority to decrease the speed limit below 40 km/h.

Shaw said she was happy to hear of Oyler's plans but said she will still be submitting her petition to council.

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Nominations - Nominations for Awards of Excellence must be received in the Director's Office no later than Friday, April 24, 2009.



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Grade 7 student Mason Bardeau and Grade 8 student Michael Ranger demonstrated the process of making maple syrup at their exhibit.

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Katie Hayes demonstrates how to perform CPR using a plastic dummy. Hayes did her project on the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Fair of Canadiana

Hockey players not only famous Canadians, students learn at ASES historical fair

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Archie Stouffer Elementary School was transformed into a museum of Canadiana during the school's annual historical fair on April 10.

Filling the school's foyer, gymnasium and library, dozens of exhibits paid tribute to famous Canadian personalities, inventions, buildings and historical events.

From Lucy Maude Montgomery to Mary Pickford, from the 1917 Halifax explosion to the construction of the CN Tower, the projects featured a wide cross-section of Canadian history.

Grade 6 teacher Brenda Callaghan, who organized the event for the first time this year, thinks it's important that the fair focuses on the history of Canada.

"It shows the kids we do have important and significant people in Canadian history," Callaghan said. "There are famous Canadians other than hockey players."

Not that hockey themes were banned; there were still of course projects dedicated to Wayne Gretzky and the Toronto Maple Leafs.

While students had to create a backboard of some kind and many used props or models to explain their subjects, the teachers judging the competition put the greatest emphasis on how well the students knew what they talking about.

"More emphasis was put on the oral presentation," Callaghan said.

Grade 6 student Peter Martin did his project on

the canoe.

"The canoe was really how Canada began," Peter said excitedly, explaining how the European explorers and fur traders who were the first Westerners to survey the Canadian wilderness had done so using canoes as their primary method of transportation.

Peter is one of 10 students from Archie Stouffer who will compete at a school-board-wide event in Lindsay on May 8.

Also competing at that event are Megan Milburn and Cassidy Havill with their project on Winnie the Pooh, Brahm Thurston with his look at Icelanders in Kinmount, Maques Bortolussi and Nolan Hurtle who studied Armand Bombardier, Mac Monk-Cray and Kirk Lopez for their project on the Maple Leafs, Haley Acorn and Lisa Kim for a project on Michael J. Fox, Mieke Danilko who studied the 1916 fire on Parliament Hill, Maddie Robinson her project on the assassination of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Loic Mul-Delamarre, Michael Turner and Nick Thompson for their project on Hill 400 and Devyn Newton for an examination of Canadian ancestry.

One project from the event will advance to the provincewide competition later in the year.

Grade 6 to 8 students at Archie Stouffer participated in the local event.

Callaghan extended her thanks to recently retired teacher Raylene Clarke who organized the historical fair for years and returned to school to help oversee this year's as well.



ASES Grade 8 hockey coach Tracy Bird gives her players a few tips while the OPP players listen in.

ASES students down police 6-4

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

Can't we all just get along? Yes, we can, and that's part of the idea behind the annual hockey game between the Haliburton Highlands OPP and the Grade 8 students of Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

On April 9 members of the community and hundreds of students filled the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena to cheer on the teams in the fun, but competitive hockey game.

And there was plenty of scoring, which was opened by Megan Allore. But after the Grade 8s took a 2-0 lead the police came back to tie the score 2-2. After a flurry of goals and unbeatable action the Grade 8s were victorious with a 6-4 win.

ASES faculty said getting the kids together with the local police force lets them know that police officers aren't just about being tough and locking up the bad guys, but that that they're regular people too.



Jacob Harrison tries to get fancy on a penalty shot by going between the legs. He didn't score but he earned a few style points and a cheer from the crowd.



Officer Carmount spends some time in the sin bin for holding.



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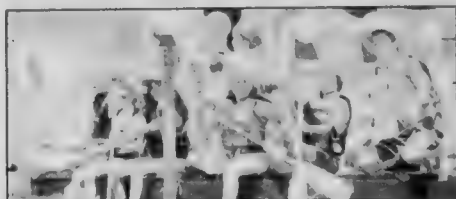
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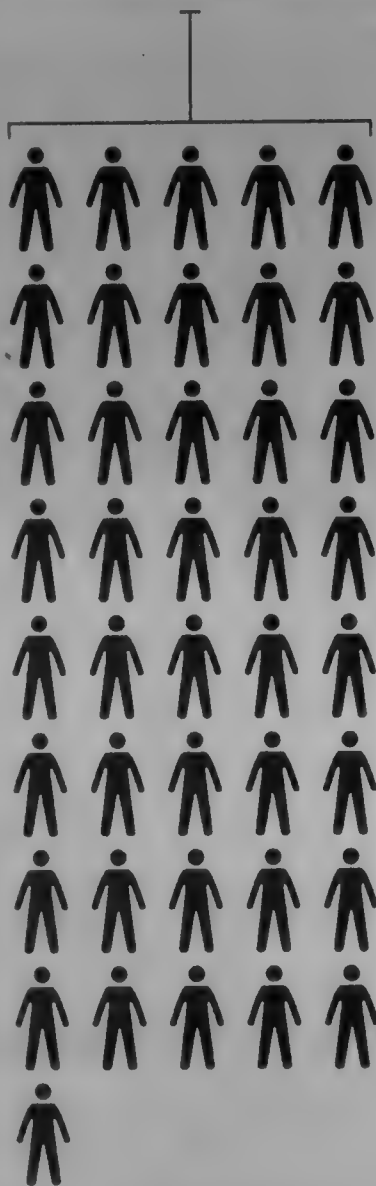
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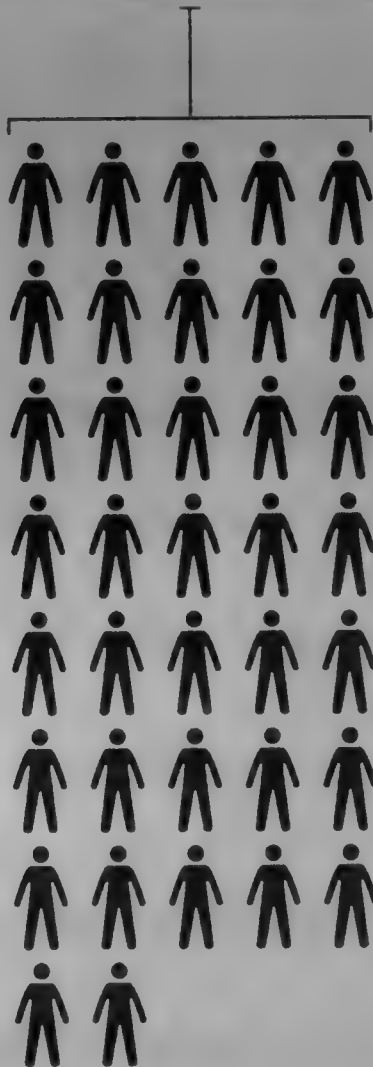


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Students find themselves in a class of suspicion in new novel

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Tammy is 20 going on 40, a former teenaged runaway who is determined to turn her life around. Grace has escaped an abusive relationship. Matt grew up in grinding poverty which led to incidents of petty crime and hard-working Jack's life was interrupted by a car accident that left one arm useless. These four adults return to school but when a new student they all legitimately detest turns up stone cold in the school dumpster, they're no longer just students at the Adult Education Centre – they're suspects.

Student Body, the third novel by county author R.K. (Bob) Smith, is about more than the desperate efforts of this eclectic group of characters to establish their innocence. Like Barack Obama, Smith is fond of the themes of hope and change and says his stories are about more than the suspense of the daunting challenges the characters face.

"Hope exists because these characters overcome challenges by changing the way they see themselves and how they deal with the rest of the world. This is the kind of story that readers from all walks of life can relate to," says Smith.

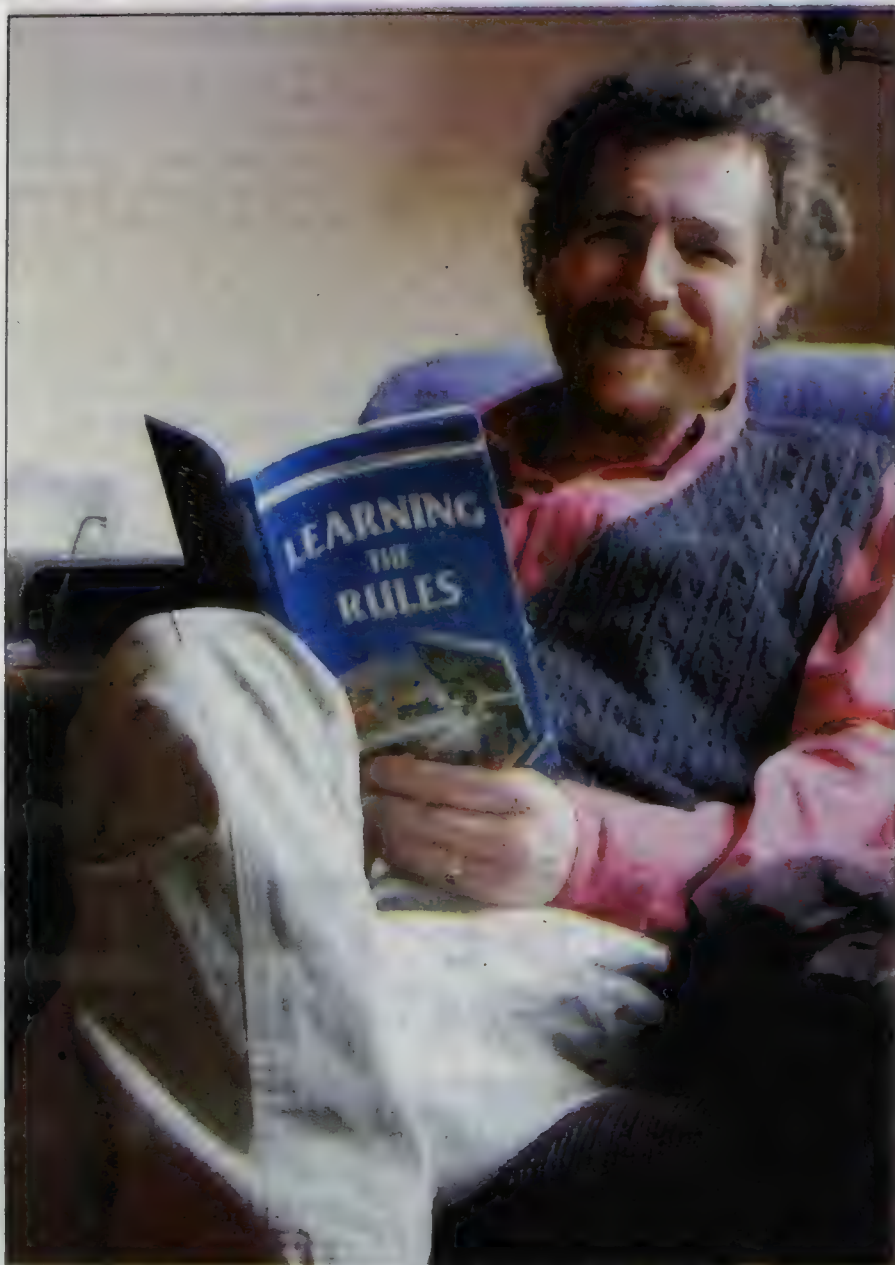
Readers will have a chance to have their curiosity tickled a little more when Smith reads from this newly released novel at the book launch on Saturday, May 2, 1:30 p.m. at R.D. Lawrence Place.

Smith will read from *Student Body*, talk a bit about how his own experiences led to the writing of this new mys-

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Robert Smith's third book, *Student Body*, follows on the heels of *Learning the Rules*. The long-time teacher always has tremendous empathy for his characters.

Novel is Smith's third

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tery and answer questions. The author will be willing to sign copies of the books for purchase, and buyers can enjoy coffee and cookies while chatting about the quirks that put the *Student Body* characters in a suspicious class all their own.

Smith released *Full Circle* in 2006, *Learning The Rules* in 2007, and has built enough of a readership base to continue pursuing self-publishing under the banner of Ingoldsby Books with his third novel. For more information about how to purchase his books and stories, please visit www.ingoldsbybooks.com.

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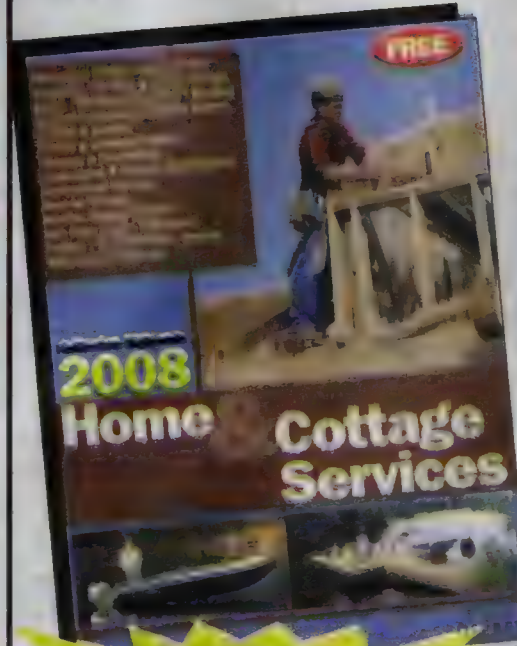
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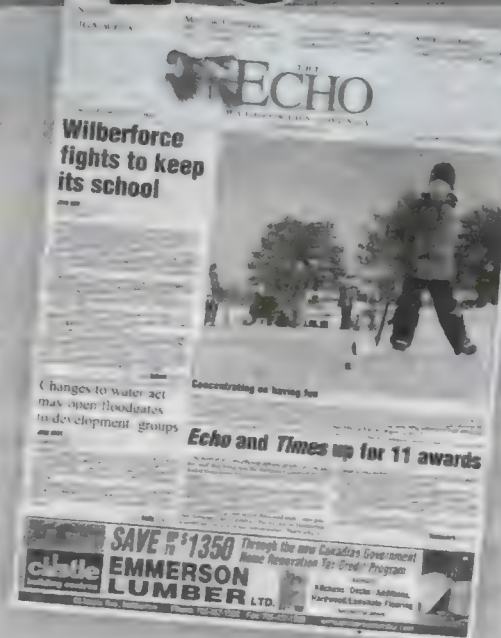
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2009 Destination Guide is out

The Haliburton County Destination Guide for 2009 is here and the creators and producers of the tourist brochure were happy to see it launched at Wigamog Inn Resort April 7. Proud booklet parents from left, Warden Dave Burton, Andrea Hillo (graphic design/publisher/sales), Bob Smith (county tourism director), Amy Brohm (county tourism co-ordinator), Ann Lavery (tourism facilitator), Betty James (design associate), and Steve Galea (editorial).

This is the fourth edition of the guide produced for the county. It has already been distributed to information and tourism centres around the province and the team is hoping local businesses will display them on their counters.

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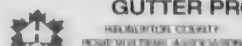
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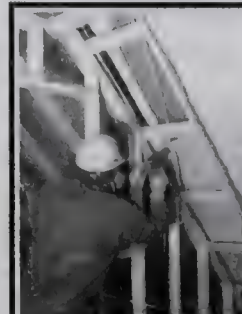
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Theatre milestone

Celebrate 10 years of the Highlands Summer Festival

On Saturday night, the Highlands Summer Festival will pay tribute to 10 years of some of the best performances on a Highlands stage. To celebrate the summer theatre group's 10th anniversary, it is hosting an evening of drama and music at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

• Kate Campbell is coming back from California to be a part of the 10th anniversary celebration. She will be featured in a number of vignettes including: a scene with Ryan Dawson from *Salt Water Moon*, the very first Highlands Summer Festival production; several songs from *The Sound of Music* in which she played the lead role as Maria including "Doe a deer" which she will be performing with the orphans from this year's production of *Annie*. Almost the entire vonTrapp family (Christopher Greaves, Kate Campbell, and six of the seven children) from our edition of *The Sound of Music* will be together for a song.

• Tim Nicholson and Shane Dibblee will reprise their classic English lesson scene from last year's *The Foreigner*.

• David Mills and Kathryn Boyd will recreate the dramatic energy from last year's acclaimed production of *Trying*.

• Jocelyn Regina, who, despite her tender age of 19, is considered a veteran of the Highlands Summer Festival stage, will sing "Much More" from the musical, *The Fantasticks*.

• Betty Mills, Brian Kipping and Rod Carley will reprise a scene from the popular *On Golden Pond* from two years ago.

• Lauren McInnes, Tom Regina and Melissa Stephens have all been associated with the Highlands Summer Festival from its start in 2000. They are probably best remembered for the concerts that featured mainly classical music. One of the favourites of the audiences has been Camille Saint-Saens' *Danse Macabre*. The trio will perform this intricate piece.

• Kathryn Boyd and Jasmin Purnell will bring back memories of the struggle Annie Sullivan went through to reach her young student, Helen Keller in a scene from *The Miracle Worker*.

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Kathryn Boyd and Brian Kipping starred in *On Golden Pond* two years ago. They, along with other actors, will reunite with audiences at 10: a special anniversary celebration for the Highlands Summer Festival.

• David Mills, Kathryn Boyd and Tim Nicholson will be singing a medley of songs from the David Archibald's musical, *The Perilous Pirate's Daughter*.

• Among the other performers on stage will be Tom Regina, Christine Archer, Michael Jaycock and others.

Masters of ceremony for the evening Jack Brezina and David Mills will lead the audience on the trip down memory lane of the past nine years of Highlands Summer Festival and include a taste of the upcoming season with a song from Michelle Bailey, the lead in this year's production of *Annie*, who will sing a song from that show.

It will be a great evening of entertainment and memories on Saturday, April 18.

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ASES hosts basketball tournament

Archie Stouffer Elementary School hosted the girls' zone county basketball tournament on April 14. The tournament brought teams from Haliburton County and City of Kawartha Lakes to the hard court. Only the top two teams advance to the district tournament and unfortunately ASES wasn't one of them. They lost to Haliburton by just one point, 18-17.

NOTICES & TENDERS FOR:



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Township of Algonquin Highlands

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NOTICE is hereby provided that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands intends to further consider and, if appropriate, adopt the

2009 FINAL BUDGET

on Thursday, April 16, 2009
at 11:00 a.m.

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Despite losing by just one point to their Haliburton rivals, the girls from ASES showed great sportsmanship and were all smiles in the post-game handshake.

Notices



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Wednesday, June 10th, 2009
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- (a) Reports of the Board Chair, Chief Executive Officer and Chief of Staff
- (b) Report of the Auxiliary
- (c) Reports of the Auditors, Audit Committee Chair, and Treasurer
- (d) Appointment of Auditors
- (e) Election of Governors
- (f) New Business

Members of the Corporation in good standing may vote at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation. Members must be 18 years of age and over and must be a resident of the City of Kawartha Lakes, the County of Haliburton, or Brock Township in the Regional Municipality of Durham. An Application for General Membership in the Corporation must be submitted and fees paid in full no later than May 11th, 2009. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Ross Memorial Hospital at (705) 324-6111, ext. 4272 or lwebster@rmh.org.

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Crowded in my Ma's small condo were 17 people, and if you have ever been amongst Italians, you would know how some etiquette just doesn't matter.

Food, conversation – both enjoyed with passion. Amongst the group were three non-Italians who through the years have adapted to our ways, an admirable feat. It was a great day and again my Ma, who is going to be 84 this year, remarked that it might be her last and that someone else

will have to do it next time. We have been listening to that for at least 20 years and we will just have to prop her up at the stove when she is 90. We know she is just fishing for compliments. Thanks, Ma!

Last week I had the privilege of once again joining the Minden branch of Girl Guides and Pathfinders. The evening's theme was Easter and the girls were busy personalizing their individual baskets.

The group was lead by Amanda and her sister Samantha. Every week activities are planned to encourage comradeship and instill principles in the girls. This is a very commendable organization worth enrolling your girls in, especially when they make learning so much fun. If you would like more information, contact Amanda at 286-1172.

This Saturday night, yes it's Texas Hold'em Poker at the Stanhope Firefighters

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This is a Stanhope Firefighters' Association fundraiser so try and get out and support their endeavours. For more information, please call 754-3102.

This Sunday, April 19 the Zion United Church is celebrating Earth Sunday with Outloud Womyn's Voices and Abbey North Drummers present to entertain you.

Also with the Earth Day theme, join them Wednesday, April 22 for a Friendship Tea between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. You are invited to wear your favourite hat for the tea. I have heard that there are some industrious ones that have made their own hats! How fun is that?

All I have are those ugly, functional winter hats – and they have been put away! Good riddance.

Pathfinders
Makenzie,
Alyssa,
Savanna,
Shelby and
Maria as girl
guides and
Summer
and Sarah
enjoyed an
early Easter
party with
leaders
Amanda and
Samantha.



Career & Business Opportunities



Corporation of the County of Haliburton Engineering Assistant – Survey and Design CUPE Local 1960

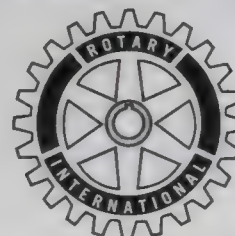
The County of Haliburton Roads Department is seeking qualified applicants to fill the vacant full time permanent position of Engineering Assistant – Survey and Design.

Interested and qualified candidates may acquire a copy of the detailed job description and submit an electronic cover letter and detailed resume **no later than Friday, April 24, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.**

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk and Human Resources
Via email to: twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca

Alternatively, documentation can be mailed or hand delivered to 11 Newcastle Street, P.O. Box 399, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

We thank all who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.



Rotary Clubs of Haliburton & Minden Seeking Group Study Exchange Team Members

The Rotary Clubs of Haliburton and Minden are seeking business and professional individuals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are interested in participating in a Group Study Exchange sponsored by our District 7010 and District 3010, New Delhi, India.

For four weeks, from January 6th to February 4th, 2010, a team of four young professionals, led by a Rotarian team leader will travel to India for a business, cultural and educational exchange. Club interviews will be held and maximum of one application will be accepted from any club in the district.

Team members will follow a carefully prepared study program designed to give them an understanding of the economic, cultural and institutional life of the host country.

Applicants must be employed on a full-time basis for a minimum of 2 years. Prior to being invited to the first interview, applicants must have discussed with their respective employers the potential for being permitted to take an extended leave from work.

A Rotarian or honorary Rotarian or member of their family such as child, grandchild or spouse is not eligible to be a team member. A former Rotarian or family member may apply after the Rotarian has been out of Rotary for at least three years.

Applicants must be in good health and physical condition and be willing to share information about their respective professions and country while learning about life in India. There are required training sessions prior to the trip and presentations to the local Rotary Clubs upon returning. Rotary International guidelines must be followed by team members while on this exchange.

While the trip is subsidized, team members will incur some expenses prior to and during the trip.

Interested applicants should forward a completed application form along with their resume and covering letter indicating why they are interested in this adventure to the attention of either Brian Menton, Rotary Club of Haliburton at 447-9961 or Bill Obee, Rotary Club of Minden at 489-3333.

Applications must be received by May 29, 2009. Selected individuals will be interviewed in North Bay on June 13, 2009. Team members must personally attend the interview to be considered.

To obtain more details and to download the GSE Team Member Application Form, visit www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/Fellowship/GroupStudyexchange

Don't miss sixth wine, words and music night



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

705-766-0076

melalfano@hotmail.com

The Dorset community policing committee will be meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday, April 21 starting at 7:30 p.m. Community policing always welcomes new members so please feel free to come out and join this group.

Zion United Church - Carnarvon "Your Community Church"

April 19 - 10am - Earth Sunday

- All Churches joining us
(Out Loud Womyn Voices
- Abbey North Drummers)

April 22 - 2-4pm Earth Day

- Friendship Tea (Wear your favourite hat)

April 26 - 9am

- Emergency Services Appreciation Sunday
(OPP-Stanhope Fire Department-Ambulance etc.)

May 2 & 9 - Work Bees

- Help us keep the "drafts out" (free lunch)

May 10 - Mother's Day Services

- (Men Preparing Breakfast)

May 17 - Welcome Back Sunday

- (Old Members-New Members-Snowbirds)

COFFEE/TEA & GOODIES

AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES

COME JOIN US - ALL WELCOME

For more information, give Marlene a call at 705-766-2409.

Nurse Fran Gower will be doing a foot clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, April 22 starting in the morning.

This service includes things such as general foot care, toenail trimming and reducing calluses. For more information or to book an appointment (appointments required), please call Joy at 766-1418.

The sixth annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art is at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday, April 24 with a walkabout to view art, books and CDs starting at 6:30 p.m. and readings and music starting at 7 p.m.

This event celebrates the arts in our community and is a lovely and affordable evening out.

MINDEN MIXED LOB BALL REGISTRATION

April 29th & 30th

Rockcliffe Tavern

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Sign up as a team or as an individual

\$35 per person due at sign-up

New Division 35+

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Saturday, April 25, 2009

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Minden OPP Station

Keynote Speaker: Leanne Grechuk, Founder of HealthyGirl

Wellness Guest: Patti Johnson, Biofeedback Therapist

Must register by Thursday April 23, 2009,
as space is limited.

Call Patti Prentice immediately to secure your spot!
705.286.2092

Come and hear stories that will make you laugh and make you cry.

Have a look at some amazing art and hear some wonderful music.

It's also a great opportunity to get up close and personal as you will have an opportunity to chat with the artists too.

Refreshments, coffee and tea will be served and Moon Shadows Estate Winery will be there showcasing their amazing fruit and maple wines.

Tickets are limited to those 19 years of age and over and are \$6 each or two for \$10. Tickets are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre which is open Monday to Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, you can give the Recreation Centre a call at 705-766-9968.

The binder with profiles of the 2009 Muskoka Ironman triathlon will be at the Dorset Recreation Centre for a couple weeks. If you are interested in communicating with an athlete, please stop in and have a look. The athletes come from all over Canada and other countries. This is a great way to connect with and support the amazing people who are involved in this great event.

Special birthday wishes for the week of April 12 to 18 go out to Robbie Drebbitt, Catlin Perry, Marg Schwab, Todd Brooks and Misha Vitkin. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

The Highlands Festival Singers

Celebrate the Crooners

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Join us at 2:00 p.m. every Saturday
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Easter Weekend (Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon)

Easter Egg Hunt in the Sugarbush all day

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10th Anniversary Tribute 8 pm

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Recovering from Easter weekend



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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One week later and here at the old farmhouse that prematurely set out porch furniture, lamented in last week's column, has shed its snow cover and, although a jacket is still required, become a welcome spot to enjoy the spring sun. Good Friday found us with a house full of family enjoying hiking, softball and, of course, turkey dinner. Yellow Lab Taffy is still sleeping off her extra exercise while I am still sleeping off those extra calories. The last of the winter birdseed has been put in the feeder which continues busy with customers mainly chickadees, red poles and sparrows and of course a pair of red squirrels. Their combined antics have made the long winter more tolerable.

The next open craft session co-ordinated by the Kinmount United Church Women will be at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, lower level of the community centre, on Thursday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to noon. There is no charge and everyone is welcome to come along with their craft project in progress or ideas for new ones. For

more details give Pauline a call at 488-2220.

Here is a great opportunity to get that spring clean-up underway and help our kids. The parents' group at Ridgewood Public School is holding a bottle drive to raise funds for playground equipment on Saturday, April 25.

Here in Kinmount town residents can put their refundable bottles (beer, wine) out at the end of the driveway on that day for pickup between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Others are asked to bring their bottle donations into a trailer on the LCBO parking lot. Bottles can also be dropped off at Ridgewood School on Monday, April 27, during school hours.

For another chance to help clean up our local environment mark Saturday, May 2 on your calendars and be part of Kinmount's Annual Pitch-In Day. Meet at the train station at 9 a.m. to pick up your supplies and target location then return to the station for refreshments after the event.

The annual walkathon to raise funds for mission and service programs will take place in Norland on Saturday, May 2 with Coboconk, Norland, Burnt River and Kinmount United Churches participating. The walkers will stride out at 9 a.m. and if you would like to support this cause either by walking or by being a sponsor for a walker please give Rosemary a call at 488-2129.

Mission and service funds assist a wide variety of projects both here in Canada and around the world.

If you are part of a rural pastoral charge in Lindsay Presbytery here is a unique opportunity for both lay people and ministry personnel to meet with the moderator of the United Church of Canada, Rev. David Giuliano, at Trinity United Church in Omemee on Tuesday, April 28. The session begins at 9:30 with Rev. Giuliano's town hall style meeting starting at 10 a.m. followed by lunch, \$8. For more information please contact Ceres Rees at 705-799-7886 before April 22.

Another exciting project for Kinmount's sesquicentennial will soon be underway as local artist Brenda Mulholland begins work on a mural creating a "snapshot" in sepia tones of Kinmount's main street of long ago.

Her mockup for the mural has now been approved by the sesquicentennial planning committee and this "artist proof" will be donated by Brenda for auction at the upcoming annual dinner auction sponsored by the Kinmount committee for planning and economic development on April 25. The target date of completion for the eight-by-16-foot mural to be mounted onto the south facing wall of the post office is mid-May.

Watch for further updates in the next issues of the *Kinmount Gazette*. Copies of the first issue are still available in local businesses and make great reading.



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- April 15: Minden W.I Meeting – will be held at 1:30 pm at the home of Pamela Rolfe. Please call Pam at 754-2564 or Mary at 286-1158 for information. Guest will be very welcome.
- April 17: You Make the Difference at the Minden OEYC Fridays April 17 to June 12 from 10:00 am till noon - Discover how to use everyday routines and activities to help your child...learn language, feel good about themselves and get their learning off to a good start. Please register at 286-4625 or with Point in Time Centre at 457-5345.
- April 17: OEYC Play and Learn at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce on from 9:30 am – 12 pm - Families with children 0 to 6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989
- April 17: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12 – 1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ex 3
- April 18: Haliburton County Fair presents Family Spaghetti Supper – Come and Join us at the Minden Arena, meet and greet is at 5pm, Dinner is at 6pm. Entertainment by Gord Kidds Band. Cost is \$10 per adult, children 6 years and under are Free. Come out and support this Community Event sponsored by Minden Agricultural Centre.
- April 20: The Spring Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Grannies will take place at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon at 1:30 pm - A coin collection will be taken at this meeting. All proceeds from Granny events will go to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation. New members are welcome. For further details, call Mickey at 286-2198.
- April 21: OFigure Out Food Labels Tour, Minden IGA (Hwy 35) 10:30 a.m. - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.
- April 22: Minden Community Forum – Ninth in a series of Forums will be of interest to everybody in Haliburton Highlands, the topic being Hopeful People, Healthy People. Hear about Planned Improvements to Hospital and Mental Care Services in Haliburton Highlands from Paul Rosebush (HHHS CEO) and Dave Jarvis (Mental Health Services). Come learn & ask your questions at Minden United Church (21 Newcastle St) at 7:30 pm. For more information call Don at 286-1305.
- April 23: OFigure Out Food Labels Tour, Foodland Haliburton (188 Highland St) 5:30 p.m. - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.
- April 25: Lochlin Community Centre is having a Yard & Trunk Sale at the Lochlin Hall from 8 am to 2 pm - We are looking for any interested people that would like to sell their goods at this event. A \$10 donation to the hall would be appreciated. A BBQ will be ran by the Lochlin Hall Committee. To book a table, or pop your trunk call Paula at 457-3557.
- April 29: Haliburton United Church Women's Annual Spring Luncheon & Bake Sale – Join us at the Haliburton United Church from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Soup, Sandwich, Dessert, and Tea or Coffee for only \$7.
- April 29: Do you have Parkinson's Disease? Do you live with or care for a person with Parkinson's Disease? - Attend one of the following information meetings, from 2-4 pm or 7-9 pm. Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, we are located at the Haliburton Health Centre, Ground Floor, 7217 Gelert Rd, Haliburton. For more information or to register please call Sabrina Henry, Team Support 455-9220 Ext. 307

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca, or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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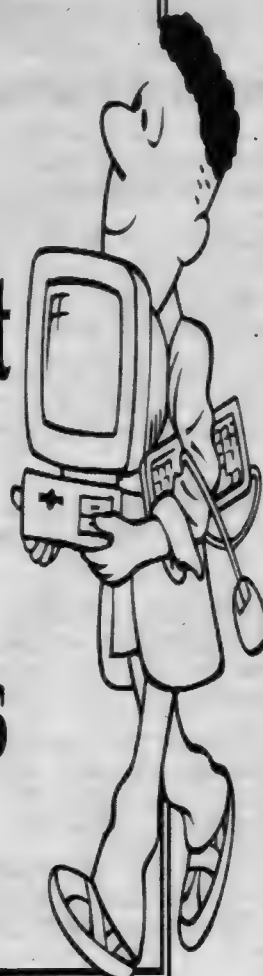
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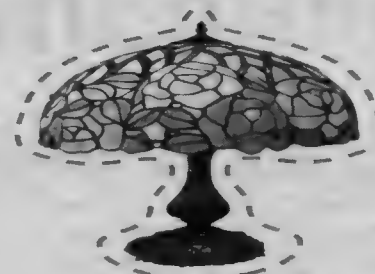
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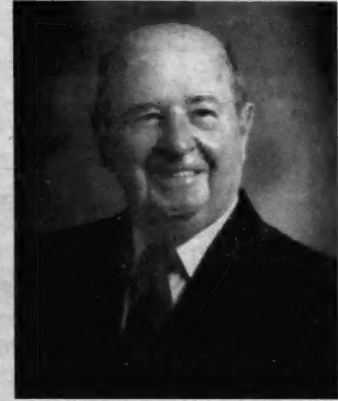
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ADAMSON, Sydney Douglas - (November 17, 1922- April 9, 2009). Passed away peacefully at his home in his 87th year in the presence of his family. Beloved husband of Lois (Hanna) for 62 years. Also survived by sons Frank and Judith, Fred and Brenda, Lloyd and Cindy, Brian, and by daughter Jean and Pauline, and by Rob Clark. Predeceased by his father Harold and mother Ethel, brothers Jack, Jim, and sister Dorothy. Proud grandfather of Amy (Oliver), Carrie, Sean (Erin), Craig (Laura), Dru (Julie), Ginny (Marcus), Adrienne (Kristian), Adam, great grandfather of Matthew, Cohen, Lucas, Adria. Remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Syd served as an air-gunner and gunnery instructor in the RCAF during WWII where he attained the rank of Flight Officer. He was a founding member of the RCAF Association Wing 404 in Kitchener-Waterloo and active for 35 years. While in Kitchener, Syd was employed by Revenue Canada for 35 years. While there he was a member and long-time Treasurer (20 years) at Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Syd and Lois moved to Minden in 1981 where he, Lois, and daughter Jean and Rob Clark owned and operated the Jay Lake Trailer Park for 8 years. While in Minden he was an active member of St. Paul's Anglican Church. Syd was a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #636 where he served 15 years as Finance Officer and Poppy Chair. For 6 years he participated in the Terry Fox Run raising significant funds for the Cancer Society, an accomplishment he was very proud of. Syd enjoyed bowling, curling, golfing and vacations with family and friends. The family very much appreciates the professional care provided by Dr. Wu, Dr. Heyes, the wonderful and caring staff from Central East Community Care Access Centre, the Red Cross Society, Paramed, SIRCH Community Hospice Services, which allowed Syd and Lois to be together at home in his final days. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Monday from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 11:00 am. A Reception will follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636 Minden (Hwy #35 N and County Rd #121). Spring Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Royal Canadian Legion Service will held at the Funeral Home on Monday Evening at 6:00 pm.

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JOHNSON, Ruby Miriam (nee Keyho) - Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens, Minden on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late Elvin Walter Johnson. Dear mother of David, Ray and Chris, Ralph and Diane. Loving grandma of Kim and Shaun, Nathan and Dawn, Jeremy and Lois, Noelle and Craig, Kurt, Shirleen and Dave and great-grandmother of Shelby, Hailly, Tyler, Harmony and William. Predeceased by her sister Joan Ingram. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Friday from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Reception will follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring interment at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Boshkung. Memorial Donations to the Alzheimers Society would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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In memoriam

DAVIS, Murray - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away April 14, 1996.

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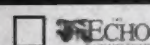


Melissa Forrest

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Predeceased by her parents Gordon and Christena Precoor and infant sister Margaret.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside committal service and interment will be held at the Gelert Cemetery on a later day. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd. 127, Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden.

Obituaries

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Edward Emmanuel Pergolas

In his 89th year. It is with great sadness that the family of Eddie announce his sudden passing at home on April 8, 2009.

Beloved husband and best friend to the late Christina. Loving father to Candice of Guelph and Phillip and his wife Aysha of Cobourg, granddad to Calin, Gabriel, Justin and Ashley, great granddad to Jasmine and Chelsea. Fondly remembered by his nephew Gordon, and sister-in-law Phyllis and family, as well as other family members, many friends and friends of Rotary. Eddie was a Veteran of World War II. He was much loved and greatly respected in the community and is remembered by many for the years he and Chris ran the snack bar at the Minden Arena. Eddie has been a resident of Minden for the past 38 years. He received the Paul Harris Fellowship from the Rotary and is a long time member of the Rotary Club, and the Royal Canadian Legion. We'll all miss you.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Eddie at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 1:00 pm. A reception to follow in the family center at the Funeral Home.

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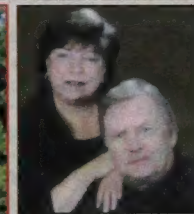
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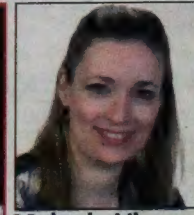
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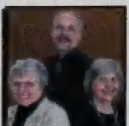
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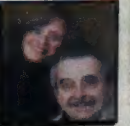
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